

California Fair Political Practices Commission

May 1, 1987

Ms. Jane Dolan
Butte County Supervisor
P.O. Box 3700
Chico, CA 95927

Re: Your Request for Advice

Our File No. A-87-097

Dear Ms. Dolan:

You have requested advice concerning the campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act. 1/

FACTS

You are a County Supervisor in Butte County. You are not up for re-election in 1987.

QUESTION

If you decide to terminate your controlled committee and do not raise any additional money, will you incur reporting obligations during non-election years?

CONCLUSION

If, as an elected officer, you receive a salary of \$100 or more per month, you must file semi-annual campaign statements each year. This is true whether or not you have a controlled committee.

ANALYSIS

Elected county officeholders whose salaries are \$100 or more per month (except judges) must file semi-annual statements for each half of the year, whether or not they have received any contributions or made any expenditures during the six-month period covered by the statement. Officeholders whose salaries are less than \$100 per month and judges must file semi-annual statements only if they have received contributions or made expenditures during the six-month period covered by the statement. (Government Code Section 84200.)

Lordon Code Sections 81000-91015. All statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise indicated. Commission regulations appear at 2 California Administrative Code Section 18000, et seq. All references to regulations are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Administrative Code.

If you terminate your controlled committee, you may reduce your filing obligations by filing a Form 470, Candidate and Officeholder Campaign Statement-Short Form (copy enclosed). Form 470 may be used by officeholders who do not have controlled committees and who will not receive \$500 or more in contributions and will not make expenditures of \$500 or more during the entire calendar year. If you file a Form 470 on or before the filing deadline for the first report required to be filed, no additional campaign statements need be filed for the remainder of the year so long as total receipts and total expenditures remain under \$500. (Government Code Section 84206.)

If your contributions or expenditures are \$500 or more during the calendar year, you must file a Form 490, Candidate and Officeholder Campaign Statement-Long Form and Consolidated Campaign Statement.

Please refer to page 9 of the 1987 "Information Manual on Campaign Disclosure Provisions of the Political Reform Act," which was sent to you on March 18, 1987, for detailed instructions regarding the filing requirements of an elected county officeholder.

I have enclosed Form 415, Statement of Termination, for your use should you decide to terminate your controlled committee.

If you have any additional questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (916) 322-5662.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths General Counsel

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Enclosures

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March 27, 1987

Mary Ann Kvasager Fair Political Practices Commission P. O. Box 807 Sacramento, CA 95804

Dear Ms. Kvasager:

Thank you for your response (A-87-068) to my request for information.

As I understand it, an elected official such as myself with a controlled committee must file two semi-annual statements in 1987, with possible additional requirements if I make major contributions or independent expenditures.

I have a follow-up question. If I decided to terminate my committee and not raise any additional money, would I be required to file any reports in non-election years?

Sincerely,

Jane\ Dolan

March 31, 1987

Jane Dolan Supervisor, Butte County P.O. Box 3700 Chico, CA 95927

Re: 87-097

Dear Ms. Dolan:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act was received on March 31, 1987 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact me directly at (916) 322-5662.

We try to answer all advice requests promptly. Therefore, unless your request poses particularly complex legal questions, or more information is needed, you should expect a response within 21 working days. You also should be aware that your letter and our response are public records which may be disclosed to the public upon receipt of a proper request for disclosure.

Very truly yours,

Jeanne Pritchard

Chief

Technical Assistance and Analysis Division

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